

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Minutes of 11 January 2008

Members present: Osama Abudayyeh, John Jellies, Mary Lagerwey, Dasha Nisula, Paul Pancella, and William Rantz.

Member absent: Dennis Simpson.

Also present: Janice (Varasteh) Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Lagerwey at 10:05 a.m.

Action/Discussion Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Approval of the Executive Board Minutes of 14 December 2007

Acceptance of the agenda was moved and seconded. Motion carried. Approval of the minutes of 14 December 2007 was moved by Abudayyeh and seconded by Nisula. Motion carried.

Review of 10 January 2008 Senate Meeting

Members commented on the discussions and presentations at the Senate meeting and felt it was a very informative meeting. Two professional concerns issues raised at the meeting concerning the WMU grading system and a request for a report from Banner were discussed.

Updates – Mary Lagerwey

Lagerwey reported meeting with Susan Caulfield, director of academic collective bargaining and contract administration, who requested a meeting with the Professional Concerns Committee be arranged to discuss a loophole in procedures followed by the Grade Appeals and Program Dismissal Appeals Committee.

There was discussion about a student planned curriculum degree.

Lagerwey announced the Faculty Senate and the WMU Faculty Leadership Committee would serve as co-sponsors for the upcoming workshops being planned to promote administrative leadership skills.

Search Committee for WMU Ombuds

In response to a request from the administration, Paul Pancella volunteered to serve on the search committee for the WMU Ombuds.

Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF) Proposed Memorandum of Action – Paula Kohler, Chair of the Research Policies Council

Kohler was unable to attend so discussion of this MOA was postponed.

Other

A list of the committees under each Senate council was provided to members.

It was announced the Committee on Graduate Advisor/Student Relationship (of the Graduate Studies Council) has a workshop scheduled at 11 a.m. on Friday, 8 February, in the Brown and Gold Room of the Bernhard Center.

Executive Board meeting dates for Spring 2008 were set for the following Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon in the Bernhard Center: 25 January; 8 February; 22 February; 21 March; 4 April; and 18 April.

Eileen Evans, vice provost for institutional effectiveness, will be the guest at the 25 January Board meeting.

Correspondence Sent

- Letter, 7 January, to Thomas Carey, Management, acknowledgment of his contribution to the Faculty Senate Endowment Fund.
- Letter, 8 January, to Roman Rabiej, reappointment as Senator from Industrial Design for three-year term beginning May 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Janice (Varasteh) Anderson